



City of Columbus
Mayor Michael B. Coleman

Department of Public Utilities
Cheryl Roberto, Director

RULE AND REGULATION NO. 06-02
Division of Power & Water
Department of Public Utilities

June 2006

SUBJECT: WATER SERVICE TAP REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the authority granted under Columbus City Codes Chapter 1101, the Director of the Department of Public Utilities hereby adopts, establishes, and publishes this rule and regulation to be effective at the earliest date allowed by law. This rule and regulation supersedes Division of Water Rule and Regulation 98-1, published March 14, 1998, in the *Columbus City Bulletin*, Columbus, Ohio. This rule and regulation is in addition to any established requirements that have not been superseded or rescinded by this or any previous act.

APPLICATION:

This regulation applies to every building, structure, or parcel of land requiring water service from the City of Columbus, Division of Power & Water, including retail contract areas. This rule and regulation excludes water service in wholesale contract areas.

DEFINITIONS:

Owner: A person or entity whose name appears on the recorded deed of ownership with the pertinent County Auditor's Office.

Water Service: water from any tap and service line connected to the City of Columbus, Division of Power & Water distribution system.

GENERAL REGULATION:

The following are required to receive water service from the City of Columbus, Division of Power & Water:

1. An application for water service shall be submitted for all new service connections or when a change occurs to an existing tap's service area. A plat or deed shall be submitted as part of the application process.
2. Except as permitted under subparagraphs (a), (b) or (c) below, all buildings, structures, or parcels of land receiving water service from a single tap will be owned by the same person or entity. Whenever any parcel of land and/or any building or structure thereon is divided, or subdivided, and such divided or subdivided parcels and/or buildings are owned by a person or entity other than the owner of the original undivided parcel, building or structure, then each such divided or subdivided parcel, building or structure will require a separate tap.

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The foregoing limitations notwithstanding, water service may be provided by a single tap upon approval of the Administrator of the Division of Power & Water under the following circumstances:

- (a) to real property which is subject to a condominium declaration pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 5311;
 - (b) to real property authorized by Columbus City Council as a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) or as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with a mandatory home owners' association that shall be responsible for the maintenance of said real property's water service and private water system, and for payment of water services to the City; or
 - (c) to any real property, building or structure which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Columbus Register of Historic Properties, and the water service to said property as a result of practical difficulties owing to the historic character of the property and its registration cannot be separated readily, and the owner of all such divided historic parcels of land, buildings or structures have executed binding covenants or other declarations running with the land for the benefit of the City that shall obligate all owners jointly and severally for the maintenance and payment of the water service provided to such parcel land, building and/or structure.
- 3. A metered service line shall not cross through a public right of way or water main easement unless approved by the Administrator, Division of Power & Water.
 - 4. There shall be only one (1) City owned meter per tap; and one (1) tap per City owned meter and all outlets shall be after the meter.

APPROVED: _____

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